

# The Grand Canyon Photography Club

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"Dandelion Wine"

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## August 8 Program: "Annual Outing at Kamzelski's"

Once again it is time for GCPC's annual outing at the home of long-time member Ann Kamzelski. The program will be the first of two hands-on workshops in as many months and is scheduled for Tuesday, August 8 at 311 Jackson Road, Wellsboro, PA.

The workshop will begin at 5:00 p.m. and last until dark, but participants may come or leave at their convenience. Please bring a snack or beverage to share with the group. Ann also asked if anyone has colorful flowers in his/her garden, please feel free to bring some. These can be used in some of the still life set-ups.

Ann will provide iced tea and water; anyone is welcome to bring other drinks or snacks.

In addition to the usual pond and wonderful garden, we will do some light painting, Ann says, in the basement early on, then she has sparklers and other things that can be done outside as it gets darker there. The fire images, she adds will likely be set up in the garage as well. Please wear dark clothing for this if possible.

**Photos ©Ann Kamzelski**



**Note: Guests are welcome. In case of inclement weather, call Ann Kamzelski at 570-724-2167 to check whether the workshop has been cancelled. If possible, a rain date will be set.**

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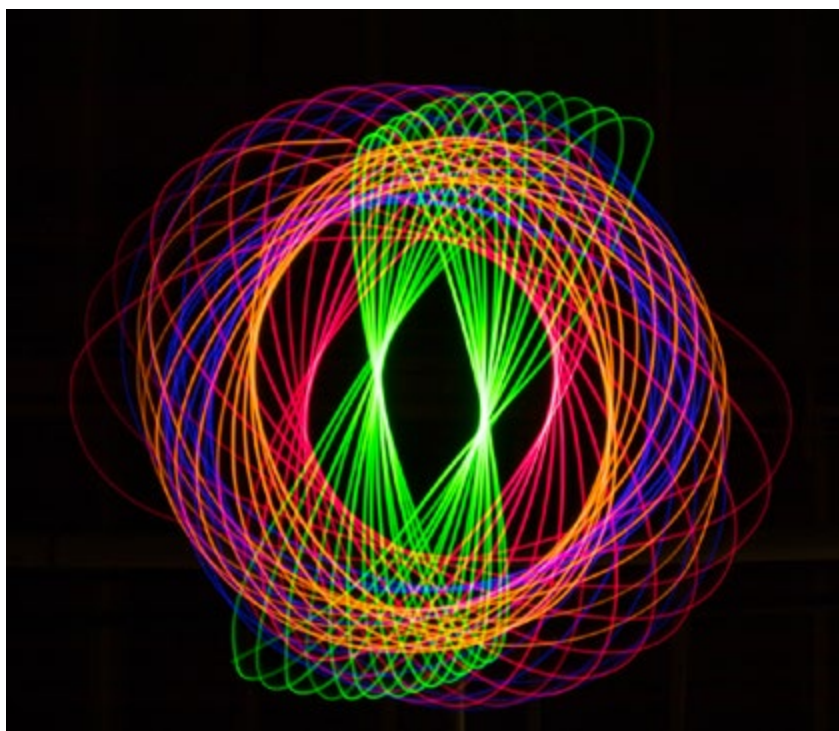


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### Directions to August Meeting

**From Wellsboro:** Take Route 6 toward Mansfield. Shortly past the Weis Market, bear right up the hill on the Cherry Flats Road. Continue about 2.5 miles and turn right onto Arnot Road. Go one mile and turn left onto Jackson Road. Ann's house is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile down the road on the left. The mailbox has 311 on it.

**From Mansfield:** Take Route 6 toward Wellsboro. Go about 8.5 miles. Just past Lewis Homes (on the right), turn left onto Gas Company Road. Follow this road until it ends at a T. Turn right onto Cherry Flats Road. Go a few hundred feet and turn left onto Arnot Road. Go one mile and turn left on Jackson Road. Ann's house is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile down the road on the left. The mailbox has 311 on it.



Each year Ann treats us to a variety of exposure and compositional set-ups. Because her home is in a rural setting, there will also be an opportunity to capture images of woods, wildflowers, and the occasional hummingbird. In addition to the water feature in the back yard, her pond is not far away.

Members should bring a tripod if possible, and for best results, have a cable release, remote wireless shutter, or know how to use their camera's self-timer.





**Members' Photos Theme: "Summer"**



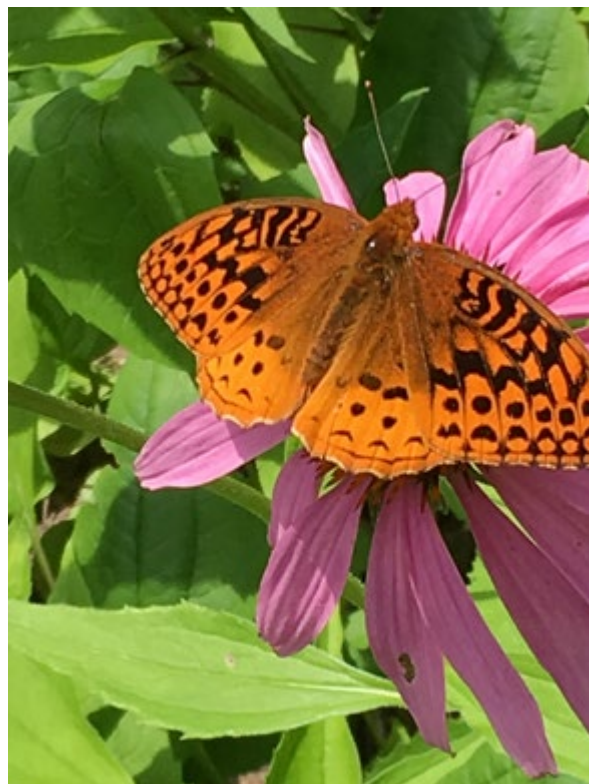
©Ann Kamzelski "Silas"



©Russ Dodson "Bliss"



©Wolfram Jobst "Fountain Joy"



©Linda Ralph "Secondary Colors of Summer"



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August is an exciting month for GCPC members. Our biennial member-only exhibit opens on August 4th. As far as I could discover, we began these exhibits in 2005, making this one our seventh. It is always exciting to see the work of so many of our images on display for the public to view and enjoy.

This month is also our annual outing at Ann Kamzelski's. Every summer she generously opens her home and yard to members for an evening of photography and comradery. This year's outing is later in the summer than usual, allowing Ann to try some new activities, including painting with light. I encourage all members to participate in this fun event.

While food and beverage photography is still my main focus, I did try some more time stacking projects. I like what the technique can do to the clouds. For some added fun, I converted the image to black and white.

Learn, practice, and most of all, have fun!

Mia



©Mia Lisa Anderson "Country Road"



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## About The Banner Photo

The Grand Canyon Photography Club

### 2017 Officers:

President: Mia Lisa Anderson

Vice President: David Ralph

Treasurer: Gary Thompson

Recording Secretary: Paul Bozzo

Corresponding Secretary:  
Judith Giddings

### Directors:

2016-2017: Ann Kamzelski,  
Kenneth Meyer

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Bob Stoffregen

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Membership: Gary Thompson

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“Initially, I had no intentions on sharing this image for critique, but rather to continue to give my homemade wine a brand. My goal was to capture a photograph that would be appropriate to display on Facebook and Instagram. These social media platforms are perfect for telling stories with photos, building my visual resume on Instagram, and branding myself. My father and I took many hours to pick 5 gallons of dandelion and continue to cut only the yellow to use in our homemade wine. So, I believe this kind of hard work deserves a beautiful photograph to show the end product. There it is, as you see it, a bottle of our homemade wine surrounded by our garden and a few dandelions to make all the more powerful.”

**Andrew Gipe**

6/20/17 shot date  
about 3pm (high noon sun)  
camera: Canon Rebel EOS  
T5i  
lens: Sigma Art 85mm  
fixed lens  
Exposure settings: F1.4,  
f.1/200, ISO 100, Daylight  
White Balance



©Andrew Gipe “Dandelion Wine”





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### July 11 Meeting of the Grand Canyon Photo Club

President Mia Lisa Anderson called the meeting to order. We had many guests so Mia took a moment to explain how we run our meetings. There were 42 members and guests present. When Mia asked for approval of the minutes, we did so after Ann Kamzelski made the motion and Diane Coubourn seconded it. Mia reported that 13 members put images in the Mt Home office for a July exhibition. When Bruce Dart mentioned that there was one month open for our space at the Native Bagel, Wolfram Jobst volunteered to take it.

Our semi-annual show at the Gmeiner will open on First Friday, August 4. Our images are due at the Gmeiner on July 29 or 30 from 10 am to 2 pm each day. Suzan Richar will oversee refreshments. Please tell her if you are bringing a treat. Judith Giddings will email a reminder and the form to be placed on the back of your entries.

Mia introduced Curt Weinhold of Coudersport. Curt presented his program "Adventures in Photography." His slide presentations thrilled us with many images of our area: Coudersport, Cherry Springs, Austin Dam, Lyman Run Lake, and the Pine Creek Gorge. He presented us with many night images of the Milky Way. He explained that he likes to include foreground objects such as trees and lakes. He shoots raw files at night. He does 15 second exposures at 3200 ISO and an f-stop of 4.0. Curt conducts workshops at Cherry Springs. The schedule can be found on the DCNR website. He also mentioned a free app for smart phones Star Walk 2 which can locate star formations.

Ann Kamzelski led the critique "Summer Images." Bruce Dart's image of summer produce was well composed with many diagonals. Gary Thompson's action shot of a jet skier was dynamic. Lee Hoar captured a special red color in his image of a cardinal.

The August meeting will be at Ann Kamzelski's. We will meet later to take advantage of the darkness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Bozzo

#### August Meeting At A Glance

Annual Outing at Kamzelski's

No Critique

Snacks and Beverages:

Bring a snack to share

#### Treasurer's Report July 2017

Beginning Balance	\$1,291.94
Cash In (Dues)	\$20.00
Cash Out	
Bank Fee	\$3.00
Special cake/snacks	\$40.34
Speaker Curt Weinhold	\$100.00
End Balance	\$1,168.60

Respectfully Submitted  
Gary Thompson



## Ann-eecdotes

Ann Kamzelski  
presents tips, techniques,  
and creative ideas for  
getting great photos.

## Living With Wildlife

I live out in the country. There is always wildlife around, but this spring it seemed like every species existing in the area was in my yard. We have lots of insects and birds, but I am mostly referring to mammals and reptiles. It started with the toads. When we returned from Florida in May, we were serenaded every evening with the trill of the mating toads. They were in the koi pond in our front yard. There are lots of frogs in there too, but the toads are only there in the spring to lay eggs; while the frogs stay all summer. I could watch the toads expanding their throats and even got a nice photo of two mating and laying eggs. The frogs were also laying eggs, but were much quieter about it.



A few days later I looked out onto the back porch and there sat a plump groundhog. I got photos of him too. I didn't scare him off because he was eating the dandelions. Any creature that will rid my garden of dandelions is okay with me. Next there was a huge porcupine in the driveway. He did not want to pose for me and kept hiding his face. I, of course, did not want to get close enough to get him to smile for me. Oh, and don't forget the chipmunk that lives in the rocks in the back patio, as well as a multitude of squirrels (black and grey) and rabbits. The raccoons have also made an evening appearance a few times.



Photos ©Ann Kamzelski

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## Wildlife (continued)



Photos ©Ann Kamzelski

Several mornings I watched does in the field in front of the house birthing their fawns. The grass was tall enough because of all the rain, that when they laid down, you couldn't even see them, but you knew what was going on. And when they left with their babies, you could just barely see the youngster's ears above the grass.

Then there were the turtles. Why a painted turtle should decide to walk across the lawn twenty feet from the house is a mystery to me. But she did. A huge snapping turtle was walking down the road a week or so later. I didn't have my camera along that time and I gave him a wide berth. There was so much activity going on it was like there was a biology experiment going on in the yard. It filled me with delight to see all of these creatures, especially with them creating the next generation.

However, there are a few of the residents that I am not as pleased to see as the others. First there is Bruno. He is a huge bear that has been around the neighborhood. The only photograph I have gotten of him is blurry and not print worthy. He is probably over 300 lbs. and was itching his back on a tree in the back yard the other evening. I did find his paw prints on the road and took a picture of them. His paw is 8 inches from the toes to heel.







## Wildlife (continued)

Next is Pepa LaPhew and her two kits. She is a very pretty and healthy skunk that comes into both the front and back yards to dig grubs. Sometimes she is alone and sometimes she brings the kids along. They are also very cute. However, she is apparently not afraid of us and doesn't even look up if we go out and yell at her. Since we have two small dogs, this is becoming a problem. I have to go outside ahead of the dogs and check the yard for skunks in the morning and evening. I never know when they will be there or which side of the house. They don't have any odor to speak of, but I am sure that would change quickly if one of the dogs decided to make "friends". We have tried all the "natural" remedies that I could find on-line, but so far, nothing has worked. Hopefully, they will choose to move to another location soon.



The last creature that has been plaguing me is Hisss. Hisss is a large garter snake that has taken up residence at our koi pond. This is only a problem because I am not fond of snakes. He doesn't do anything bad (except eat the frogs), but I never know where he will show up and I don't want to have a few years taken off my life if I reach to pull a weed and get a snake instead. He is actually quite interesting to watch when he is hunting. He slithers through the crevices in the rocks and sometimes swims in the pond. I am learning to live with him. I just make sure that I know what is around me when I am at the pond.

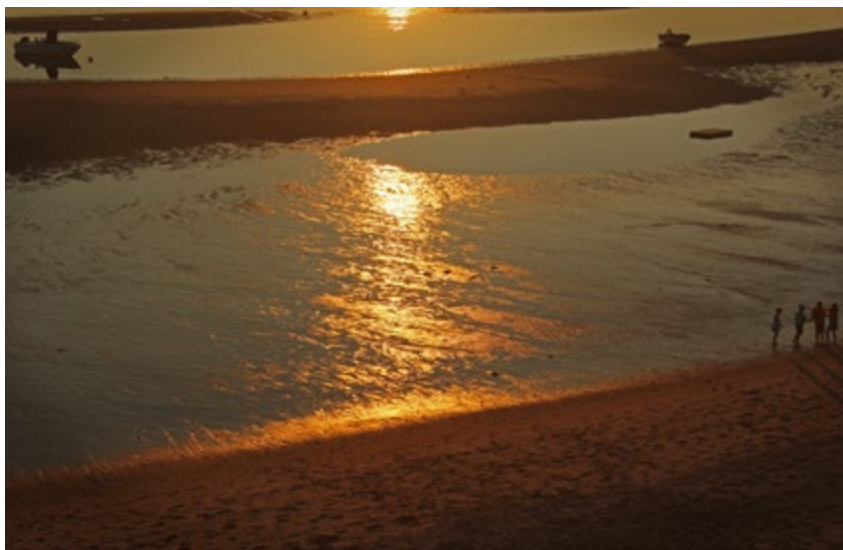
You will notice that only the individuals that are worrisome to me have names. That is probably just my way of dealing with them. Even though I am not fond of having them around, I still enjoy watching them go about their lives, since they are all part of the wildlife that we live with.



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©Nancy Bickham "Sunset at Eastham Beach"



©Lee Hoar "Big Red"



©Bruce Dart "Summer Bounty"



©Diane Cobourn "Colors of Summer 2"

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©David Ralph "Memorial Day"



©Gary Thompson "Havana Glen Falls"



©Dwayne Gipe "Day is Done"



©Bob Bair "Through the Garden Gate"

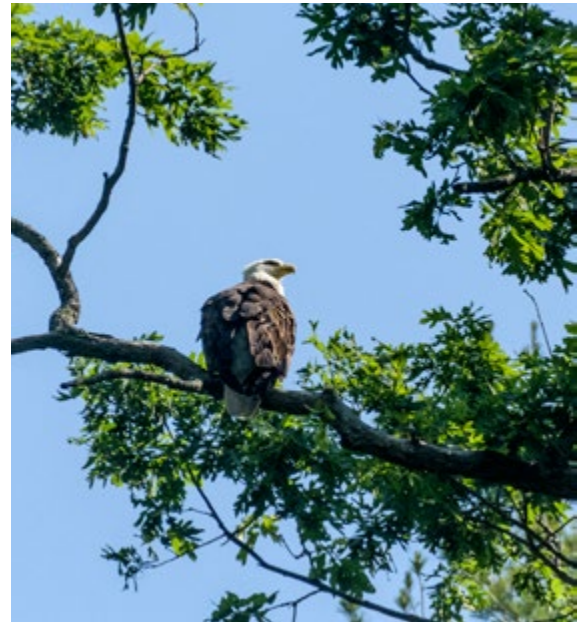




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©Bob Stoffregen "I Close My Eyes and Dream"



©Kenneth Meyer "Eagle at Darling Run"



©Jan Keck "Crocosmia"



©Chiya Smith "Sunset"





## GCPC 2017 Calendar of Events

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month  
at the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center unless otherwise noted.

### Mini-solo Shows at the Native Bagel, Central Avenue, Wellsboro:

August - Nancy Bickham

September - Diane Cobourn

October - Wolfram Jobst

November - Sandy Foor

December - Mia Lisa Anderson

### The Warehouse Theatre: Various Members

Paul Bozzo, Linda Stager,

Bruce Dart, Bernadette Chiaramonte

### Upcoming Programs

August - Annual Outing at Ann's' No Critique Photo

Bring snacks to share

September - Scavenger Hunt; Critique: Night Sky

October & November - TBA

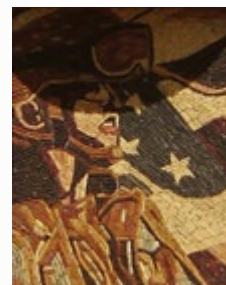
Please contact Bruce Dart at [bdphoto@ptd.net](mailto:bdphoto@ptd.net) if you are interested in displaying your photos at the Native Bagel or if you have images suitable for display at the Warehouse Gallery.

What is this? Send your  
guess to [bdphoto@ptd.net](mailto:bdphoto@ptd.net)

## Mystery Macro

How observant are you?

No Correct guesses  
Corn Palace



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# 2017 GCPC GMEINER EXHIBIT “THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD”

- IMPORTANT REMINDER \*

The opening reception will be held FRIDAY evening, August 4, 2017. Those who signed up to bring refreshments please note.



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